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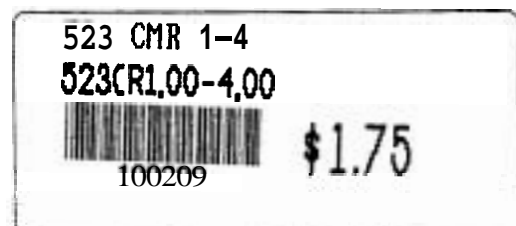
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3.01: Statement of Purpose and Definitions

(1) The purpose of **523 CMR 3.00** is to implement the mandate given to the State Boxing Commission in M.G.L. c. **147**, § 46 to establish rules **governing** the noble sport of boxing, protecting the physical safety of the contestants, and the interests of the viewing public. The State Boxing Commission is located at One **Ashburton** Place, Room **1301**, Boston, Massachusetts. All requests and complaints to the Commission must be in writing, and all papers filed with the Commission shall become the property of the Commission.

(2) For the purpose of **523 CMR 3.00**, the following **terms** shall have the following meanings:

Association shall mean any individual, club, organization or entity conducting boxing or sparring matches or exhibitions.

Commission shall mean the State Boxing Commission as established by M.G.L. c. **22**, § **12**.

Exhibition shall mean any boxing or sparring match or contest.

Officials shall mean the ring officials, such as referees, judges, timekeepers and physicians.

3.02: Licenses

(1) **General Licensine Reauirements.**

(a) All professional boxers, managers, promoters, trainers, seconds, referees, judges, timekeepers, physicians and **matchmakers** shall be licensed by the **Commission** and shall obey and satisfy **523 CMR 3.00**. All license or permit applications shall be made on forms furnished by the Commission. All applications must be accompanied by the applicant's birth certificate or other evidence satisfactory to the Commission. License applications for boxers, managers, trainers, seconds and matchmakers shall be accompanied by two photographs of the applicant, **1½** inches square, showing head and shoulders, full face pose. Such applications shall be submitted to the Commission at or before the weigh-in on the day in which the applicant is to participate. The Commission may **require** fingerprints whenever in its judgment the best interest of boxing may be served. Any licensee who desires to change the name under which he is licensed shall notify the Commission before approval will be given to any schedule, match or exhibition in which the licensee will participate.

(b) A fee for such a license or permit shall be charged. The Executive Office of Administration and Finance establishes and specifies such fees at **801 CMR 4.00**. A surety on the bond is also required by M.G.L. c. **147**, § **34**, and it must be issued by a surety company authorized to transact business in the Commonwealth. All licenses shall expire one year from the date of issue. The Commission, in its discretion, may refuse to issue a license to any applicant for cause.

(c) All licensed boxers shall be covered by accident insurance in the event of injury or death while competing in a licensed boxing or sparring match or exhibition. Such insurance shall be covered by a group policy issued by a recognized insurance company. The policy shall **first** meet with the approval of the Commission as to **form**, premium and coverage.

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- (d) Licensed officials shall not make arrangements for boxing matches for any association or act as manager of any boxer.
- (e) No licensee shall take, accept or solicit a bribe. All licensees shall immediately report to the Commission any bribe offer or attempt. Any violation of **523 CMR 3.02(1)** shall be sufficient cause for license suspension or revocation.

(2) Specific Licensing Requirements.

(a) Associations

1. No license to conduct an exhibition shall be issued except to corporations that have **office(s)** in Massachusetts, or to individuals who are residents or citizens of Massachusetts, or by permission of the Commission. The association shall post the license in a conspicuous place near the box office of the association's building or exhibition hall.

2. An exhibition shall be conducted only at the location (city, town, place) specified in the license approved by the Commission. Only boxing shall be featured at such events. No other ~~type~~ of **entertainment** or activity is permitted, unless ~~the Commission~~ gives express written approval. An association shall not conduct more than one exhibition in the same week without special written authority from the Commission. Only one association shall conduct an exhibition in the same city or town, on the same date, unless the Commission **grants** special written approval. No more than two boxers under one management shall be permitted to participate at any one exhibition. Only two contestants shall be permitted to participate in a ring at one time.

3. **Associations** applying for a license to conduct an exhibition shall not advertise any match or exhibition date, or sell tickets, until the Commission has granted the license. Associations holding licenses issued by the Commission shall not loan the license or conduct an exhibition under any name other than that stated in the license. Associations holding licenses issued by the Commission shall not advertise **any** match or exhibition date, or sell tickets, until the Commission has sanctioned the exhibition. No association shall promote boxing shows in conjunction with a charitable organization unless it compensates the charity a minimum of 10% of the total gross receipts after the Federal and **State** taxes have been deducted.

4. Associations shall file schedules for each and every exhibition on forms provided by the Commission. This schedule shall be filed at the Commission office at least ten business **days** before the time of the exhibition. The act of filing the schedule does not confer authority to conduct the exhibition. If the Commission does not approve the schedule, the Commission will notify the association, and the exhibition will not take place. Associations seeking to substitute boxers after **filing** the schedule shall give notice to the Commission at least 72 hours before the scheduled bout, stating the name of the substitute, the name of the boxer whose place he takes, together with the reason for the substitution. The Commission must approve all such substitutions. If approved, the substitute boxer must be weighed in by the Deputy Commissioner, examined by the Commission's physician, and satisfy all other Commission requirements. Associations shall not advertise or announce the names of boxers matched for any future event, unless and until contracts **with such** boxers have been signed and copies have been filed with the Commission for approval.

(b) Matchmakers

1. **All** associations or individuals licensed to conduct exhibitions shall immediately give the Commission written notice of the appointment or selection of a matchmaker. No individual may act as a matchmaker in any capacity until the individual applies for and is granted a matchmaker license from the Commission. A matchmaker shall not make matches for more than one association unless the Commission grants special written permission. In all matches he **arranges**, the matchmaker must be present at the boxer's weigh-in and examination. In the event of a change of matchmakers, the association or individual shall promptly notify the Commission in writing of such change.

2. Matchmakers shall make matches consistent with the Commission's **Weight Standards And Tolerances** set forth in Appendix A or Appendix D, whichever shall be applicable, and which is incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full. The Commission may change, revise, amend or supplement Appendix A and Appendix D, or approve variations for a particular contest or event, whenever the Commission feels such action is warranted. Matchmakers shall not **arrange** matches where one contestant

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is clearly outclassed or where the contestants **are** otherwise mismatched. Repeated evidence of a matchmaker's bad judgment in this regard shall be considered cause for revoking the matchmaker's license.

(3) License Suspensions And Revocations. The Commission may for good cause immediately suspend or revoke the license of any licensee. Examples of such good cause include the following:

- (a) Medical Reasons. Upon medical **advice**, the Commission may suspend the license of any licensee for such time as the Commission's medical authorities deem to be in the best interest of the licensee and the public.
- (b) Any action or activity that unduly endangers the physical safety of a boxer. This shall include, but not be **limited** to: Foul Blows. For purposes of 523 CMR 3.00, foul blows include: hitting below the navel, the rabbit punch, kidney punch, intentionally butting, shouldering, kicking (except in the case of **kickboxing**), wrestling or roughing, hitting with the wrist, elbow, the back of the hand, the heel of the glove, or the open glove. A contestant committing any such foul **shall** be subject to the following penalties, at the discretion of the Commission:
 1. for the first offense, suspension of his license for up to **three** months;
 2. for the second offense, suspension of his license for up to six **months**;
 3. for the third offense within a period of one year, his license shall be subject to revocation;
 4. for a deliberate foul, so characterized by the referee, suspension of his license for a period of six months to one year;
 5. for a boxer claiming to have been fouled, and where the Commission's medical examiner report shows to the contrary, suspension of his license for up to three months for the first offense and up to six months for the second offense.
- (c) Any infraction of the Commission's **rules**, regulations or directives.
- (d) Any activity which undermines public support for, or the integrity of, the noble sport of boxing.

(4) Notice and Appeal of License Suspension or Revocation. Whenever the Commission suspends or revokes a license, it shall officially notify the licensee. Upon receipt of such a notice, the licensee shall immediately return his license to the Commission pending the expiration of his suspension, revocation, or license, as the case may be. The suspended licensee shall have a right to request an appeal hearing before the Commission and to proffer medical testimony and other relevant evidence in support of his appeal. The Commission shall consider all evidence it deems relevant and credible from the appeal hearing **and decide** the appeal. If the Commission overturns the appealed revocation or suspension, it shall reinstate the license to the status it had just prior to the suspension or revocation, provided, however, that such a reinstated license shall not be extended beyond one year from the date it was issued. In all such appeals, the Commission may order any other relief it deems just and appropriate.

3.03: Physical and Medical Examinations and Tests

(1) All boxers licensed in the Commonwealth shall undergo the physical and medical examinations and tests set forth below. In addition, the Commission or a Commission physician shall have the discretion at any time to order a boxer to undergo any physical and medical examination or test that may be advisable to protect the boxer's physical health and safety. During such examinations and tests, boxers and managers must reveal all vital facts relating to the boxer's physical condition to the Commission or Commission physician. Concealing any vital facts shall be cause for suspension and revocation of license.

(2) License Examinations.

- (a) All professional and amateur boxers shall undergo an electro-cardiographic and **ophthalmological** examination, as well as an HIV test, not more than ten days before applying for or renewing a license. All examination and test results, together with the reports of the physicians, hospitals and clinics, shall accompany the boxer's application and be kept on file at the office of the Commission. The HIV test results shall be held subject to, and handled consistent with, all confidentiality rules relating to HIV tests. All professional and amateur boxers shall submit to a medical test for drug usage (either urinalysis or blood testing) when **required** by the Commission physician.

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(b) Whenever the Commission feels it is warranted, the Commission may require a boxer to undergo a psychometric study, an electro-encephalographic examination, or any other medical test to determine his medical or physical fitness to box. The medical experts **conducting** these studies, examinations, and tests shall submit their findings, together with their written opinion of whether the individual should continue to box, to the Commission. The examined boxer shall not participate in any exhibition unless and until the Commission has considered these findings, results and opinions, and expressly approved his resumption of boxing.

- (3) ~~Pre-Fight Weigh-In and Physical Examination~~

(a) The **Commission** must personally weigh-in the boxers on the day of a contest. The Commission shall **determine** the time of the weigh-in and physical examination, which shall take place no later than **8:00** p.m. on the day of the contest. The Commission and promoter shall mutually agree on a site for the weigh-in and physical examination.

(b) The physician shall examine each contestant thoroughly before the contest, giving particular attention to the heart, lungs, pulse, blood pressure, eyes, and any indication of hernia. A special in-depth examination shall be made of any symptoms of ill health or physical impairment. The physician shall **ask** each contestant about any previous injuries or physical problems and shall note the information obtained on the record. The physician shall **certify** whether the contestant's physical condition is sufficient for him to engage in the boxing contest. **If the** contestant shows any signs of mental, optical, organic, or other deterioration, the physician shall advise the contestant of his findings and report the same to the Commission. Once so advised by the Commission physician, the boxer shall not participate in any exhibition until the Commission approves his resumption of boxing.

(c) If a boxer fails to appear for the required weigh-in and physical examination, the Commission may deem it sufficient cause for suspending the boxer's license. In addition, it is the manager's duty to ensure that the boxers he manages appear on time for the required weigh-in and physical examination. **If a** manager fails to do so, the Commission may deem it **sufficient** cause for suspending the manager's **license**.

(4) ~~Post-Fight Examination~~. After every exhibition, the Commission physician shall also examine the contestants before they leave the site of the contest. **If it** appears that a contestant is injured, the physician shall attend to the injuries. The physician shall also recommend and arrange for immediate **hospitalization** whenever he feels it is necessary. The physician shall report all injuries disclosed in his post-fight examination to the Commission in charge of the boxing show.

3.04: ~~Contracts, Compensation, and Related Obligations~~

(1) ~~Boxers and Managers~~. **All** contracts between boxers and managers shall be in writing, in triplicate, on **forms** provided by the Commission. Such contracts shall not exceed three years in duration and the manager's share of the boxer's earnings shall **not** exceed $\frac{1}{3}$ of each of the boxer's purses. A copy of such contracts shall be filed with the Commission within 48 hours of being signed. Associations **shall** not announce or advertise the names of boxers until a copy of the signed contract has been filed with the Commission for approval. If a boxer attempts to secure more compensation for his services than set forth in such a contract during its duration, that boxer shall be liable for suspension for at least three months.

(2) ~~Associations and Managers~~. All contracts between associations and boxing managers shall specify the contest date, the contestants' names and weights, and the cash compensation. Contracts shall be made in quadruplet on forms supplied by the Commission. One copy must be **filed** with the Commission, and one copy must be retained by the association, manager and contestants.

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(3) **Boxers and Associations.**

(a) Associations shall pay boxers the agreed compensation in full for their services **immediately** after the contest, unless the referee declares the contest forfeited in whole or in part in accordance with the law. **If the** boxer's compensation is so forfeited by declaration of the referee, the amount so forfeited shall be paid to the state treasurer at the same time and in the same manner as required under **M.G.L.c. 147, § 40**, for **payment** of 5% of the total gross receipts from the sale of tickets or admission fees.

(b) If one boxer duly matched **fails** to appear or refuses to box, or **if for** any other reason the match originally made does not take place, and one of the boxers has fulfilled his contract in **all** particulars, he shall receive **½** of the amount stipulated in the contract from the association, unless he received written notice **from** the association at least **24** hours before the time of the scheduled contest. **If for** any reason, such as a postponement, an association cannot use a boxer on the date prescribed in the contract, the association shall be obliged to **fulfill** its original contract as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible. When a boxer **has** contracted **with** an association to appear as a contestant and for any reason does not **fulfill** his obligation, he shall not appear or engage in a contest before any other club, unless and until he has fulfilled his original contract, or with a substituted suitable opponent, or has **secured** a release from his contractual obligations. The Commission may penalize any boxer or **manager** who fails to comply with the conditions of his contract with any association. **Notwithstanding** the foregoing, the Commission shall have the authority and discretion to release a boxer from the aforementioned obligation.

(c) Should a boxer be injured in training or in any way be incapacitated for a match, or be unable to **fulfill his** contract, he shall promptly notify the Commission and the association with which he has contracted. Unless physically unable, he shall appear at the exhibition where scheduled and undergo any examination ordered by the Commission. Under these **rules**, a facsimile transmitted notice is **sufficient** to cover any written notice required herein.

(d) During an exhibition, the sponsoring association shall be responsible for the orderly conduct of all employees and patrons. The sponsoring association is required to ensure that concessionaires do not sell any food, beverage, or product in glass containers.

(4) **Feature Bouts.**

(a) **Failure to take place.** In any exhibition at which scheduled feature bouts do not take place, ticket holders shall receive upon request a full refund of the ticket price at the box office. **All** appearance or forfeit money (**if** any) must be paid to the boxer appearing.

(b) **Substitution.** Whenever a feature bout other than the one advertised is to be presented, because of circumstances beyond the management's control, the following shall be announced from the ring prior to the **start** of the show:

1. the reason for the substitution;
2. the name of the **substitute(s)**; and,
3. the right of all ticket holders to a refund of the **full** ticket price at the box office before the show **starts**.

(c) **No Contest.** When a **feature** bout is declared "No Contest", the ticket holders are entitled to have **½** of the ticket price applied to the purchase of a ticket for the association's next exhibition, upon presentation of the original ticket stub.

(5) **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts** shall compensate the Deputy Commissioner assigned to a boxing exhibition **\$15**. The association shall not compensate the Deputy Commissioner in any way or manner.

3.05: Conduct of Matches and Exhibitions

(1) **Assignment of Officials.** The Commission shall assign referees, judges, timekeepers and physicians for each exhibition. The Commission **shall** provide each official with a form completed and signed by the Secretary of the Commission setting forth the particular time, place, association and amount of compensation the official shall receive. The official shall present his **credentials** to a Deputy Commissioner who shall in turn present the same to the association and receive on the official's behalf the full compensation set forth in the credential. Officials shall not divulge **information** regarding assignments, except to members of the Commission, or a duly assigned Deputy Commissioner. The Commission shall assign at least two referees and one physician to each boxing contest, and more if the Commission feels it is warranted.

(2) Upon presenting his credentials, the Deputy Commissioner shall assume supervision of an exhibition, unless a Commission member or the Commission Secretary is present, and he shall **have** full authority to act for the Commission.

(3) **Engagement Rules And Procedures.** Unless the Commission approves otherwise, all contests held in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be conducted in accordance with the Engagement Rules **And** Procedures set forth in Appendix B, which is incorporated herein by reference as if set forth in full. The Commission may change, revise, amend or supplement Appendix B, or approve variations for a particular contest or **event**, whenever the Commission feels such action is warranted.

(4) **Required Equipment.** The equipment specified in Appendix C or Appendix F, whichever shall be applicable, shall be utilized in all contests held in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Appendix C and Appendix F is incorporated by reference into **523 CMR 3.00** as if set forth in **full**. The Commission may change, revise, amend or supplement Appendix B and Appendix E, or approve variations for a particular contest or event, whenever the Commission feels such action is warranted.

(5) **Weight Standards And Tolerances.** The Weight Standards And Tolerances set forth in Appendix A and Appendix D, whichever shall be applicable, shall be applied and utilized throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Appendix A and Appendix D is incorporated by reference into **523 CMR 3.00** as if set forth in full. The Commission may change, revise, amend or supplement Appendix A and Appendix D, or approve variations for **a particular** contest or event, whenever the Commission feels such action is warranted,

(6) **Required Seating And Tickets.**

(a) For every exhibition, the sponsoring association shall provide the Commission with the following material and information: a diagram or plan showing the seating arrangement and capacity of the contest site; and, the number and allocation of seats to be sold at popular prices. Seating in the area next to the ring apron on all four sides of the ring is under the Commission's jurisdiction. **All** tickets shall be sold at a box office or other office in the sole and complete control of the association. Tickets taken at the door shall be deposited promptly in locked receptacles that shall be opened only in the presence of an authorized representative of the Commission.

(b) Except as noted below, no person shall be admitted to an exhibition without a ticket, including boxers, managers, and seconds. The following are the only exceptions to this rule: police officers assigned for duty, Boxing Commissioners, the Secretary of the Commission, Deputy Commissioners, referees, judges, timekeepers, and physicians who are to officiate at the exhibition. The Commission shall provide those officiating with authorizing credentials, which shall be sufficient for admission.

(c) All **complimentary** tickets shall be so marked and both ends of the tickets clipped. Such complimentary tickets shall be included when computing the sum payable to the Commonwealth under M.G.L. c. 147, § 40.

(d) Press row seating shall be restricted to members of the news media presenting proper credentials and other officials designated by the Commission. Children are not **permitted** in the press row. No more than two seat tickets in the press row shall be given to any news media outlet. Such tickets are to be marked "Working Press" and shall not be included when computing the sum payable to the Commonwealth under M.G.L. c. 147, § 40. No other tickets for press row seats shall be issued. The number of "Working Press" tickets issued shall not exceed the comfortable and reasonable seating capacity of the press rows, which the Commission shall determine consistent with any existing plan of the State Building Inspector.

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(7) ~~Announcements And Broadcasts.~~ The Commission shall approve all announcers, announcements, instructions, and television or radio broadcasts. Associations employing an announcer for a particular event shall submit the announcer's name to the Commission for **approval**. The announcer must announce the rounds of a contest over a suitable public address ~~system~~. If such a system is not available, the round number shall be displayed by a card or **sign** at least 2' by 2' in size clearly visible to all ~~seats~~. The announcer may **also** briefly introduce from the ring the feature bout boxers of the association's next boxing show.

(8) ~~No Betting.~~ There shall be no betting or wagering of any kind on the premises of any exhibition in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. At least four "No Betting **Allowed**" signs, with letters at least six inches high, **shall** be displayed prominently throughout the premises.

(9) ~~No Collecting Or Advertising.~~ Absent prior written **permission** from the Commission, no organization or individual may **collect** or advertise at any exhibition, or display or distribute any poster, card, **handbill**, placard, picture, or pamphlet.

3.06: The New England Championship Title

(1) There shall be established in each weight class a New England Champion Title. To **qualify** for the title, a boxer must have been legally **domiciled** in one of the New England States for at least the preceding six consecutive months, and must defend the title **as** set forth in **523 CMR 3.06(2)**.

(2) Any boxer holding or acquiring a New England Championship Title shall defend the title to a decision in a boxing contest against a **qualified** and logical contender so recognized by the New England Association of Boxing Commissioners. This boxing contest must be ten rounds in duration. It must take place within six months from the date of adoption or six months from the date of **acquiring** the title, and within six months thereafter from time to time, provided there is **available** a **qualified** and logical contender. For cause shown, the **New** England Association of Boxing Commissioners may extend the time for defense of a title. Every three months, the Ratings Committee of the **New** England Association of Boxing Commissioners **shall** select the qualified and logical contenders from among the outstanding boxers in New England. Their **selection** shall be considered **final**.

(3) If a New England Champion fails to defend the title as required herein, or is unable to make the required weight or **otherwise** properly defend the title, the **title** shall be forfeited and **declared** vacated. In that event, a match or matches shall be held between the leading contenders of that class to determine the next New England Champion.

APPENDIX A

**STATE BOXING COMMISSION
WEIGHT STANDARDS AND TOLERANCES**

The following Weight Standards And Tolerances will be followed in **all** contests in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, unless the State Boxing **Commission** approves otherwise. The Deputy Commissioner in charge of a particular show shall enforce these standards.

Weight Classification	Standard Weight [lbs.]	Give Or Take Tolerance [lbs.] ¹
Heavyweight	over 190	
Junior Heavyweight	190	8
Light Heavyweight	175	8
Super Middleweight	168	7
Middleweight	160	7
Junior Middleweight	154	6
Welterweight	147	6
Junior Welterweight	140	5
Lightweight	135	5
Junior Lightweight	130	4
Featherweight	126	4
Junior Featherweight	122	3
Bantamweight	118	3
Junior Bantamweight	115	2
Flyweight	112	2
Junior Flyweight	108	2

1. The Give or Take Tolerances set forth above shall be made unless the **contract** calls for check weights.

APPENDIX B

**STATE BOXING COMMISSION
ENGAGEMENT RULES AND PROCEDURES**

The following Engagement **Rules** And Procedures will be enforced in all contests throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, unless the State Boxing Commission approves otherwise. These Engagement Rules And Procedures are based on the Revised Marquis Of **Queensbury** Rules.

- (1) Number and Duration of Rounds. ~~During~~ all contests the number and duration of rounds must be **specified** in advance. ~~All~~ rounds are to be three minutes long with a one minute interval between each round. Only two contestants *shall* be permitted to box or spar in a ring at one time. Unless the Commission in its discretion grants permission to the contrary, boxers must be at least **18** years of age. ~~All~~ **18** year old boxers shall be limited to six rounds; boxers **19** years of age or older *shall* be limited to ten rounds. All championship contests shall consist of ten three-minute rounds.
- (2) Referees -- Center Ring Examination and Instructions.
 - (a) The **Commission** shall assign at least two referees to each boxing show. The **officiating** referee shall call the contestants to the center of the ~~ring~~, and examine the gloves of each contestant to determine whether the gloves have been broken or the **padding** removed from the knuckle parts of the gloves, and in the event he finds such conditions to exist, he shall order the glove or gloves changed. If during the course of a contest, the referee finds that the **padding** is disturbed ~~from~~ the striking part of the glove, or the glove is ~~unfit~~ for further use in the contest, he shall order the glove changed between rounds and other gloves substituted. He shall make sure that the glove laces are neatly tied and cut in a manner that shall leave no knot to menace the opposing boxer. A contestant shall not have ~~grease~~ or any other foreign matter on the face or body. Referees shall order the removal of any such ~~material so~~ appearing on contestants. The referee shall make certain that each contestant is equipped with approved standard protective devices.
 - (b) The referee shall instruct the contestants that all contests in the Commonwealth of ~~Massachusetts~~ shall be conducted pursuant to these Engagement Rules And Procedures. He shall **instruct** contestants that when a knockdown is scored, the contestant scoring it shall retire to a remote **neutral** corner and remain there until the count of eight is completed and his opponent has risen to a standing posture.
- (3) Boxer's Assistants. Each contestant may be assisted by not more than one trainer and two seconds, who ~~must~~ take up positions outside the ring during the rounds. During the rounds, these assistants *shall* not enter the ring, or coach, ~~instruct~~, assist or advise their principal. These **assistants** shall also not disobey a referee's order or talk or act in a profane manner. Violation of these rules, after a warning ~~from~~ a Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner, shall be cause for immediate removal of the offender from the corner, and in the discretion of the referee, disqualification of their principal.
- (4) The Ringside Physician. The Commission shall approve and assign at least one physician to each boxing or sparring match or exhibition. That physician shall have a ringside station to observe the physical condition of the contestants and to administer medical aid or treatment when necessary. The physician shall be allowed to observe the physical condition of contestants from other parts of the ringside as well, and shall have the authority to go to the outside part of the corner of a contestant (on the so-called apron on the ring) between rounds to examine the contestant whenever he feels it is necessary. The physician shall not enter the **ring** itself to examine a contestant except on request to do so by the referee in charge. The physician shall advise the referee of the physical condition and injuries sustained by the contestants during the contest. If, in his opinion, the referee should stop the contest, he shall not hesitate to so advise the referee.
- (5) No person other than the contestants, their seconds, the officiating referee, the announcer, and when occasion requires, the **officiating** physician, shall be allowed in the ring, except that boxers who are to engage in the feature bout at the next boxing show of the association may be introduced from the ring.

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(6) Judges' Station. The station of each judge shall be at opposite sides of the ring, and each station shall be elevated six to 12 inches from the floor of the building, or ground surface where the contest is being held. No person shall be seated closer than 18 inches from a judge's station on either side, unless otherwise provided for by the Commission.

(7) Foul Blows. The referee may **disqualify** a boxer for delivering intentionally or otherwise the following foul blows: hitting below the navel, the rabbit punch, kidney punch, intentionally butting, shouldering, kicking, **wrestling** or roughing, hitting with the wrist, elbow, the back of the hand, the heel of the glove, or the open glove. The referee may also disqualify ~~a~~ **contestant** for **falling** without receiving a blow. If, in the opinion of the referee, a contestant commits a deliberate foul, that contestant **shall** not be entitled to a prize.

(8) If a contestant slips down he **must** get up again immediately. His opponent must stand back out of distance until the **fallen** man is on his feet, when the contest shall resume. Any contestant on one knee, or on the ropes with both feet off the floor, shall be considered down. A contestant who has knocked down his opponent must **immediately walk** to a neutral corner, but should the **fallen man** be hocked down in that corner, the contestant **delivering** the knockdown shall retire to the **farthest** neutral corner. A **man** knocked down must rise unassisted within ten seconds or lose the contest. Any contestant **failing** to come up when time is called or **refusing** to obey the referee, shall lose the contest.

(9) Holding, Clinching and Breaking. Contestants shall not hit while in a clinch. A clinch occurs when both men are holding each other, either with one or both hands. Holding and clinching is not considered boxing, and in the case of clinching, the referee shall order the **contestants** to "Break" and each boxer **shall** immediately step back at least two steps before they resume boxing. Boxers ~~may~~ continue to box at close quarters where both arms are free and not held, but holding with one hand and boxing with the other is forbidden. A boxer whose **arm** is being held has the right to box with his **free arm** until the referee orders "Break". No back heeling or wrestling shall be permitted.

(10) Knock Down.

(a) A boxer shall be considered down when any part of his body other than his feet is on the floor, or when he is helpless on the ropes, and the referee shall begin to count over **him** in the same manner **as** if he was down on the floor of the **ring**.

(b) **When** one of the contestants is hocked down, the timekeeper shall **start** counting **from** one to ten by one second intervals **according** to his split second watch **as soon as** the **contestant** is on the floor of the **ring**. The referee shall also start the count **at** the same time. **If the** referee is unable to start the count immediately, he shall pick it up **from** the timekeeper and continue with the timekeeper **from** there on. The timekeeper shall toll the count in a **standing** position and in a clear voice, raising his hand up and down each second with the count. The referee **shall** make similar motions in unison with the timekeeper until the contestant arises or the ten second count expires. The referee shall determine whether the knocked down contestant has arisen sufficiently before the count of ten for the purpose of discontinuing the count. If there is a variation between the two officials as to the count or time elapsed, the timekeeper's opinion shall be considered official. In case the round ends before the ten second count is completed, the timekeeper shall **strike** the gong declaring the round ended.

(11) Knock.

(a) When a contestant has been knocked out, the referee shall remove his mouthpiece at once. ~~The~~ **contestant** shall **not be otherwise touched or moved without the physician's approval**. Seconds and handlers shall **not** rub his **neck**, shake his head, slap his face, or **try** to arouse him with an ammonia inhalant. The physician shall immediately enter the ring, examine the contestant and render any necessary medical treatment. If the physician is of the opinion that hospitalization is necessary, he shall recommend and ~~arrange~~ for it immediately.

(b) Any boxer who has been knocked out **as** a result of a blow to any part of the head shall not engage in any boxing or training for at least two weeks, and shall not engage in a boxing or sparring match or exhibition before the public for a period of at least thirty days from the date of the knock out.

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(12) The referee shall have power to stop a contest ~~if~~ in his opinion, a man is unfit to continue, and that man shall be deemed to have lost the contest.

(13) *Scoring.*

(a) In all contests the decision **shall** be given in favor of the contestant who attains the **greatest** number of points. Points shall be ~~given~~ for the following:

1. ~~Attack~~: Direct, clean hits with the knuckle part of the glove on any part of the front or sides of the head or body above the belt.
2. Defense: Guarding, slipping, ducking or getting away.

Where points are otherwise equal, the preference is to be given to the contestant who does most of the leading ~~off~~, or **displays** the best style. A contestant shall also be given credit for effective **aggressiveness** and knockdowns.

(b) A boxing contest shall be scored **using** the basic figure of "10." The winner of any one round is marked "10" with the loser scored from "9" down in proportion, depending on the size of the margin on which a particular round is lost. For **example**, a round that is won by a slight margin is scored "10" to "9"; if won by a **little** more than a slight margin, the score is "10" to "8", and so on. A round which is even for both boxers should be scored "10" to "10." This process is **illustrated** in **FIGURE 1**.

FIGURE 1

BLUE		ROUND NUMBER			WHITE	
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>POINTS</i>		<i>P O I .</i>		<i>TOTAL</i>	
	10	1	10			
20	10	2	9		19	
28	8	3	10		29	
38	10	4	10		39	

WHITE WINS THE CONTEST

(c) **When** a contest is **terminated**, the referee and judges must specifically set forth on their **scoring** cards the reason for the termination. A contest may be **terminated** for any of the following reasons:

1. one of the contestants is unable to continue;
2. one of the contestants is clearly outclassed; or
3. one of the contestants has received a physical injury which, in the **opinion** of the referee, warrants the contest be discontinued.

(14) **Use Of Stimulants Prohibited -- Monsel's Solution**. No drugs, alcohol in any form, **stimulant** or injection of any kind shall be applied, administered, or **given** to any contestant before or during a boxing contest, with the following *exceptions*: liquid stimulants which have a food value may be given internally provided that **they** have been presented to the Deputy Commissioner in charge prior to use; and, between rounds, smelling salts or an ammonia compound may be inhaled only. The Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner in charge of the boxing show may take for analysis any and **all** substances or liquids used as aforesaid, or samples thereof. The use of Monsel's solution or any iron solution on injuries during a boxing contest is prohibited.

(15) **No Delays Permitted Between Bouts**. Boxers and their assistants must not **cause** delays between bouts. Preliminary boxers must be ready to enter the ring immediately after the **preceding** bout finishes. Contestants in the main bout must be ready to respond for their bout at such time as may be required or designated and not later than **10:00** p.m.

(16) Should a glove burst or come off, it must be replaced immediately to the satisfaction of the referee. The time thus lost shall be considered as no part of the stipulated period of the round.

(17) The referee's interpretation and application of these Engagement Rules And Procedures shall be final and dispositive in any contest.

APPENDIX C

STATE BOXING COMMISSION
REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

The **following** Equipment will be required in all contests throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, unless the State Boxing **Commission** approves otherwise. The Deputy Commissioner in charge of a particular show will ensure that these requirements and provisions are strictly enforced.

- (1) **Referee's Equipment.** While officiating in a boxing contest, referees shall wear gray trousers and a gray shirt. Each referee **shall** also have an additional shirt to be used in case of emergency.
- (2) **Boxer's Equipment.** All contestants must have the following:
 - (a) A pair of thumbless or thumb-attached boxing gloves weighing at least ten ounces each. The gloves **shall** be conventional laced or **wristlet** type. The punching surface of all boxing gloves shall be smooth, without **seams**, of one color, and of one-piece construction. All gloves to be **used** in a boxing show **shall** be in good condition and gloves for any feature bout or bouts shall be new. The material used inside the glove shall be subject to the approval of the State Boxing Commission.
 - (b) Two pairs of regulation trunks of **different** colors;
 - (c) Standard approved protective devices;
 - (d) Light boots or shoes of soft material without spikes, hard soles or hard heels;
 - (e) Socks of the same color;
 - (f) Two towels and a robe which must be worn **from** the dressing room to the ring and returning.

All boxing gloves to be used in a boxing show must be delivered to the State Boxing Commission office, or to a Deputy Commissioner in charge of a boxing show, at least one hour before the show. All boxer's equipment must be **clean** and in good condition at all times.
- (3) **Ringside First-Aid Kits.** During the contest, the second in charge of a contestant **must** have with him a first-aid kit containing ~~at~~ least the following: **Sterile** cotton and gauze and sterile applicators; an ice bag; and **stimulants** such as smelling salts containing ammonia or **amyl** nitrates. Each kit shall be subject to inspection at all **times** by the Commission physician and the Deputy Commissioners at the contest.
- (4) **Scales.** All clubs must have and maintain **scales** for weighing the boxers. The Sealer of Weights and Measures in the *city* or town where the scales are located **shall test** and approve such scales at least once each year.
- (5) **Ring.** All contests must take place in a roped **ring**, not less than 16 feet nor more than 24 feet square. The floor of the ring shall extend three feet beyond the lower rope.
- (6) **Posts.** The ring posts shall be made of metal at least two inches in diameter, extending from the floor of the **building**, or the **ground surface** where the contest is being held, to a height of 58 inches above the ring floor. The posts and the edge of the apron of the ring shall be no less than three feet **from** the roped corners of the ring.
- (7) **Ropes.** The **ring** ropes shall not be less than one inch in diameter, and shall be drawn taut and covered with a protective **plush** or other soft material approved by the **Commission** and stitched together. The ring ropes shall be tied together in the center and on each of the four sides by a suitable binding material securely fastened to prevent it from **sliding along** the ropes.
- (8) **Padding.** The ring padding shall be safe and in good condition, at least one inch thick throughout, and laid evenly to and around the outside of the flooring and ring apron. **All** turnbuckles shall be properly padded.
- (9) **Canvas.** Over the padding there shall be a high quality canvas covering which shall be cleaned before each show. The canvas covering shall be drawn taut and evenly, and be **free** from any obstruction.

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(10) Ring Floor and Steps. The ring floor shall be between two and four feet above the building floor or ground surface where the contest is being held. There shall be two sets of **stairs** leading to opposite comers of the ring.

(11) Stretcher. A stretcher must be present and ready for immediate use **at all** times.

(12) Water Bottles. Clubs shall ~~furnish~~ a plastic water bottle for each contestant. Glass water bottles are prohibited.

(13) Pails and Stools. Clubs shall provide a **sufficient** number of pails for the contestants to use. The pails shall be in good, clean and sanitary condition.

(14) Bell or Gong. There shall be a bell or gong at the ring no higher **than** the floor level of the ring. The bell or gong shall have clear tone so that the contestants can hear it easily. The bell or gong may be electric or manually operated.

(15) Ring Platform. During any round, the entire ring **platform** shall be clear of all objects and obstructions. Buckets, stools, and all other objects must be removed the instant the bell or gong marks the beginning of a round, and may not be placed on the ring floor until the bell or gong **marks** the end of a round.

(16) First-Aid Area And Equipment. All boxing clubs shall maintain a clean, well lit and properly equipped first-aid area, which must contain sufficient equipment and material to render immediate first-aid, and must include **at least** the following specific items:

- (a) A table on which an injured boxer may be treated.
- (b) A sterilizer (**gas** or electric outlet) ready for use.
- (c) Sterile cotton, gauze, bandage and applicator.
- (d) Suture material (**silk** worm, horsehair or plain silk thread) and clips.
- (e) Clean sink and running water.
- (f) **Stimulants**, such as **spirits of ammonia**, **amyl** nitrates, ampoules of adrenaline chloride, etc.

The Commission physician assigned to a boxing show shall inspect the first-aid area and report to the Commission any inadequacy of supplies, improper maintenance or unsanitary conditions.

(17) Dressing Room Requirements.

- (a) Dressing rooms for the contestants **shall** be adequately equipped, well lit, and kept in a clean, **sanitary** and orderly **condition** at all times. Dressing rooms must contain receptacles for discarded tape, bandages and any other material. At the entrance of each dressing room, associations shall post a copy of 523 CMR 3.00 and attachments.
- (b) The Commission shall assign a Deputy Commissioner to be on duty at the dressing rooms who shall ensure ~~that~~ these requirements and provisions are strictly enforced. The associations shall station one police officer at the entrance of each boxer's dressing room. Absent special permission of the Commission, **only** the following individuals will be allowed in the dressing room: the competing boxers, their managers, and their working seconds (not more than two to a boxer), the physician, referee, members of the Commission, or persons employed by the club to work in the dressing rooms.

(18) Bandages.

- (a) The hands of a contestant may be covered by soft surgical bandage. One ten yard roll of bandage, not over two inches wide, shall complete the wrapping for each hand. One layer of surgeon's adhesive tape may be **placed** over the **soft** bandage. The use of a pad of either soft or hard tape over the knuckles shall not be permitted.
- (b) Bandages shall be applied and adjusted in the presence of the Deputy Commissioner in charge of the dressing room. A representative of the rival boxer may also enter the dressing room to witness and examine the application of the bandages by the contestant, and to accompany him to the ring until the referee **takes** charge.

Appendix D: Weight Standards and Tolerances

The following Weight Standards and Tolerances will be followed in all kickboxing contests in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, unless the State Boxing Commission approves otherwise. The Deputy Commissioner in charge of a particular show shall enforce these standards.

Weight Classification	Standard Weight [lbs.]	Give or Take Tolerance [lbs.]
Heavyweight	over 190	
Cruiserweight	190	8
Light Heavyweight	175	8
Super Middleweight	168	7
Middleweight	160	7
Junior Middleweight	154	6
Welterweight	147	6
Junior Welterweight	140	5
Lightweight	135	5
Junior Lightweight	130	4
Featherweight	126	4
Junior Featherweight	122	3
Bantamweight	118	3
Junior Bantamweight	115	2
Flyweight	112	2
Light Flyweight	108	2
Strawweight	105	2

Appendix E: Engagement Rules and Procedures

The following Engagement Rules And Procedures will be enforced in all **kickboxing** contests throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, unless the State Boxing Commission approves otherwise.

(1) Number and Duration of Rounds. In all contests the number and duration of rounds must be specified in advance. All rounds ~~are~~ to be two minutes long with a one minute interval between each round. Only two contestants ~~shall be permitted~~ to box or spar in a ring at one time. ~~Unless~~ the Commission in its discretion grants permission to the contrary, boxers must be at least **16** years of age. ~~All~~ **16** year old boxers shall be limited to six rounds; boxers **18** years of age or older shall be limited to ten rounds. ~~All~~ championship contests shall consist of ten two-minute rounds.

(2) Referees-Center Ring Examination and Instructions.

(a) The Commission shall assign at least two referees to each boxing show. The officiating referee shall call the contestants to the center of the ring, and examine the gloves of each contestant to determine whether the gloves have been broken or the padding removed from the knuckle parts of the gloves, and in the event he finds such conditions to exist, he shall order the glove or gloves changed. If, during the course of a contest, the referee finds that the padding is ~~disturbed~~ from the striking part of the glove, or the glove is unfit for further use in the contest, he shall order the glove changed between rounds and other gloves substituted. He shall make sure that the glove laces ~~are~~ **neatly** tied and cut in a manner that shall leave no knot to menace the opposing boxer. A contestant shall not have grease or any other foreign matter on the face or body. Referees shall order the removal of any such material also appearing on contestants. The referee shall make certain ~~that~~ each contestant is equipped with approved standard protective devices.

(b) The referee shall instruct the contestants that all contests in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be conducted pursuant to these Engagement Rules And Procedures. He shall instruct **contestants** that when a knockdown is scored, the contestant scoring it shall retire to a remote neutral corner and remain there until the count of eight is completed and his opponent has risen to a standing posture.

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(3) **Boxer's Assistants.** Each contestant may be assisted by not more than one trainer and two seconds, who must take up positions outside the ring during the rounds. During the rounds, these assistants shall not enter the ring, or coach, instruct, assist or advise their principal. These assistants shall also not disobey a referee's order or **talk** or act in a profane manner. Violation of **523 CMR Appendix E, after a** warning from a Commissioner or Deputy Commissioner, shall be cause for immediate removal of the offender from the corner, and, in the discretion of the referee, **disqualification** of their principal.

(4) **The Ringside Physician.** The Commission shall approve and assign at least one physician to each boxing or sparring match or exhibition. That physician ~~shall~~ have a ringside station to observe the physical condition of the contestants and to administer medical aid or treatment when necessary. The physician shall be allowed to observe the physical condition of contestants from other parts of the ringside as well, and shall have the authority to go to the outside part of the corner of a contestant (on the so-called apron on the ring) between rounds to examine the contestant whenever he feels it is necessary. The physician shall not enter the ring itself to examine a contestant except on request to do so by the referee in charge. The physician shall advise the referee ~~of the~~ physical condition and injuries sustained by the ~~contestants~~ during the contest: **If**, in his opinion, the referee should stop the contest, he shall not hesitate to so advise the referee.

(5) No person other **than** the contestants, their seconds, the officiating referee, the **announcer**, and when occasion requires, the officiating physician, shall be allowed in the ring, except that boxers who are to engage in the feature bout at the next boxing show of the association may be introduced from the ring.

(6) **Judges' Station.** The station of each judge shall be at opposite sides of the ring, and each station shall be elevated six to 12 inches from the floor of the building, or ground surface where the contest is being held. No person shall be seated closer than 18 inches from a judge's station on either side, unless otherwise provided for by the Commission.

(7) **Foul Blows.** The referee may disqualify a boxer for delivering intentionally or otherwise the following foul blows: hitting below the navel, groin **kicks**, knee strikes, spinning sweeps, the rabbit punch, **kidney** punch, intentionally butting, shouldering, **kicking**, wrestling or roughing, hitting with the wrist, elbow, the heel of the glove, or the open glove. The referee may also **disqualify** a contestant for falling without receiving a blow. If, in the opinion of the referee, a contestant commits a **deliberate** foul, ~~that~~ contestant shall not be entitled to a prize.

(8) If a contestant slips down he must get up **again** immediately. His opponent must stand back out of distance until the fallen man is on his feet, when the contest shall resume. Any contestant, on one knee, or on the ropes with both feet off the floor, shall be considered down. A contestant who has knocked down his opponent must **immediately** walk to a neutral corner, but should the fallen man be knocked down in ~~that~~ corner, the contestant delivering the **knockdown** shall retire to the farthest neutral corner. **A man** knocked down must rise unassisted within ten **seconds** or lose the contest. Any contestant failing to come up when time is **called**, or refusing to obey the referee, shall lose the contest.

(9) **Holding, Clinching and Breaking.** Contestants shall not hit while in a clinch. A clinch occurs when both men **are** holding each other, either **with** one or both hands. Holding and **clinching** is not considered boxing, ~~and~~ in the case of **clinching**, the referee shall order the contestants to **"Break"** and each boxer shall immediately step back at least two steps before they resume boxing. Boxers may continue to box at close quarters where both ~~arms~~ are free and not held, but holding with one hand and boxing with the other is forbidden. A boxer whose ~~arm~~ is being held **has** the right to box with his free arm until the referee orders **"Break"**. No back heeling or wrestling shall be **permitted**.

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(a) A boxer shall be considered down when any part of his body other than his feet is on the floor, or when he is helpless on the ropes, and the referee shall **begin** to count over him in the same manner as if he was down on the floor of the ring.

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(11) Knock Out.

(a) When a contestant has been knocked out, the referee shall remove his mouthpiece at once. The contestant shall not be otherwise touched or moved without the physician's approval. Seconds and handlers shall not rub his neck, shake his head, slap his face, or try to arouse him with an ammonia inhalant. The physician shall immediately enter the ring, examine the contestant and render any necessary medical treatment. If the physician is of the opinion that hospitalization is necessary, he shall recommend and arrange for it immediately.

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2. A minimum of eight kicks per round for professionals, and six kicks per round for amateurs must be thrown by each fighter. If a fighter does not complete the minimum in any round the referee will issue a warning the **first** time and a full point deduction will be given each subsequent round. A hard thrown kick that is avoided by the opponent will be counted as a kick. Flutter kicks will not be counted.

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		<i>ROUND NUMBER</i>		
<i>TOTAL</i>	<i>POINTS</i>		<i>POINTS</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
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(c) When a contest is terminated, the referee and judges must specifically set forth on their scoring cards the reason for the termination. A contest may be terminated for any of the following reasons:

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- (b) Two pair of regulation ~~trunks~~ or **kicking** pants of different colors;
- (c) Standard approved protective devices;
- (d) Foam dipped boots and shin pads
- (e) Two towels and a robe which **must be** worn from the dressing room to the ring and returning.

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- (13) Pails and Stools. Clubs shall provide a sufficient number of pails for the contestants to use. The pails shall be in good, clean and sanitary condition.
- (14) Bell or Gong. There shall be a bell or gong at the ring no higher than the floor level of **the** ring. The bell or gong shall have clear tone so that the contestants can hear it easily. The bell or gong may be electric or **manually** operated.
- (15) Ring Platform. **During** any round, the entire ring platform shall be clear of all objects and obstructions. Buckets, stools, and all other objects must be removed the instant the bell or gong **marks** the beginning of a round, and **may** not be placed on the ring floor until the bell or gong **marks** the end of a round.
- (16) First-Aid Area And Equipment. **All** boxing clubs shall **maintain** a clean, well lit and properly equipped first-aid **area**, which must contain sufficient equipment and material to render immediate first-aid, and must include at least the following specific items:
- A table on which an injured boxer may be **treated**.
 - A sterilizer (gas or electric outlet) ready for use.
 - Sterile cotton, gauze, bandage and applicator.
 - Suture material (silk worm, horsehair or plain silk thread) and clips.
 - Clean sink and running water.
 - Stimulants, such **as** spirits of ammonia, **amyl nitrates**, ampoules of adrenalinechloride, *etc.*
- The Commission physician assigned to a boxing show shall inspect the **first-aid** area and report to the Commission any **inadequacy** of supplies, improper maintenance or unsanitary **conditions**.

Appendix F: continued

(17) Dressing Room Reaquirements.

(a) Dressing rooms for the contestants shall be adequately equipped, well lit, and kept in a clean, sanitary and orderly condition at all times. Dressing rooms must contain receptacles for discarded tape, bandages and any other material. At the entrance of each dressing room, associations shall post a copy of **523 CMR 3.00** and attachments.

(b) The Commission shall assign a Deputy Commissioner to be on duty at the dressing rooms who shall ensure that these requirements and provisions are strictly enforced. The associations shall station one police officer at the entrance of each boxer's dressing room. Absent special permission of the Commission, only the following individuals will be allowed in the dressing room: the competing boxers, their managers, and ~~their~~ working seconds (not more than **two** to a boxer), the physician, referee, members of the Commission, or persons employed by the club to work in the dressing rooms.

(18) Bandages.

(a) The hands of a contestant ~~may~~ be covered by soft surgical bandage. One ten yard roll of bandage, not over two inches wide, shall complete the wrapping for each hand. One layer of surgeon's adhesive tape may be placed over the soft bandage. The use of a pad of either soft or hard tape over the knuckles shall not be permitted.

(b) Bandages shall be applied and adjusted in the presence of the Deputy Commissioner in charge of the dressing room. A representative of the rival boxer may also enter the dressing room to witness and examine the application of the bandages by the contestant, and to accompany him to the ring until the referee takes charge.

REGULATORY AUTHORITY

523 CMR 3.00: M.G.L.c. 147, § 46.

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